Bible & Daily Living

God's drama

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MINOR PART IN A MAJOR DRAMA
Lesson for June 5, 1983
Bible Study Passages: Exodus 1:11-16, 27-30; 17:9-13; 28:1-3

Introduction

I recently had the opportunity to have a part in a community follies. I was amazed at the number of people required to fill the many acts. It required the cooperation and assistance of many people to make this production the success it was. The major parts could not function without the support of the minor parts.

Quite often we may underestimate the part we play in God's divine drama. Not everyone can play a leading role. Sometimes we must assume a lesser role in order to be a part of the drama. But a smaller role does not mean lesser value or diminished responsibility.

A church cannot thrive on pastoral leadership alone. Contrary to popular opinion among some lay people, and, contrary to the ego needs of some ordained clergy, a pastor cannot possibly do all the work of the church. Every part played by individuals can help make the church function efficiently. When people pull together the load doesn't seem quite so heavy.

This week's lesson marks the beginning of a three-month study of Old Testament personalities. In our lesson for this week we will notice how Aaron became a spokesperson for his brother Moses. Since Moses did not consider himself a good speaker, God told Moses to call upon Aaron for help.

Speaking Out For Moses [Exodus 4:14-16, 27-30]

It is unfortunate when certain persons seem to live their life in the shadow of other family members. Often the wife of a pastor has no identity apart from her husband's. Some children ride on the names their brother or sister make. The achievements of one person often raises the issue of competition for another.

Aaron probably did not know his brother Moses too well. Moses was raised among royalty but never lost his sense of compassion for his Hebrew people. When Moses was later called of God to lead the Hebrew people out of slavery, he sought the help of his brother at the Lord's suggestion.

Moses' first response to the Lord's request was to defer to someone more qualified. But God knew Moses was qualified for the task. He simply settled Moses' feeling of low self-confidence by suggesting he ask his brother to speak for him.

Together on the Mountain [Exodus 17:8-13]

Following the deliverance from Egypt we find Moses and Aaron struggling to help the people conquer the land. Together they labor side-by-side to insure the fulfillment of God's plan for the Israelites.

The Amalekites were a nomadic tribe who became a barrier to the Israelite's journey into the Promised Land. Moses decides to appeal to God for help in confronting the enemy. Joshua is chosen to lead the men into battle while Moses ascends the mountain with the "divine rod of God."

In a moving display of faith, Moses raises his hands and Israel prevailed against the Amalekites. When he grew tired and allowed his hand to drop, the Amalekites prevailed. Aaron and Hur were there, however, to help support Moses when he became weary.

A Pioneer Priest [Exodus 28:1-3]

With the building of the temple there arose the need to appoint a priest. God chose Aaron to fill the role as priest to the people of Israel. He who entered the drama as a stand in spokesperson is appointed as a priest.

We must remember that there are no insignificant jobs or tasks in the kingdom of God. The tasks are numerous and demanding as one's time and energy. Payment comes in the form of blessing and personal satisfaction that one is doing the Lord's work. Payment may also come in the form of increased responsibility.

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Scott receives degree

Daniel E. Scott, of Bedford, Va., received the Doctor of Ministry degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during its 151st commencement ceremonies May 20, in Louisville, Ky.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Scott, 763 Peaks St., Bedford, Va., he was one of 294 persons to receive degrees in the Schools of Theology, Religious Education and Church Music.

H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., delivered the commencement address. Paschall, who earned degrees from Southern Seminary in 1949 and 1956, has been pastor of the Nashville congregation for more than 26 years.

Founded in 1859, Southern Seminary is the largest independent college or graduate school in Kentucky, with an annual enrollment of more than 2,600 students. Roy L. Honeycutt is the seminary's eighth president.

The new seminary graduate holds a previous degree from Southern Baptist Theo Sem.

Scott is pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox.

Bible School is scheduled

The Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School beginning June 5 and continuing through June 9. The school will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. This is a family school. The pre-schoolers will study: "I Thank God". The younger children will study: "How Do I Know God Loves Me". The older children will study: "Knowing and Obeying God". The youth will study: "An Invitation". The adults will study: "Persons in Relationships".

There will be a joint worship service each evening. Refreshments will be served by the hostess committee of the church each evening. Everyone in the area is invited to this school.

Thomas Howcott

Thomas Howcott to preach

Thomas Howcott will be speaking at Peak's Baptist Church Sunday, June 5, 1983 at 3 p.m., the Rev. James Miller, pastor.

Thomas Howcott is the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Howcott of Norfolk, VA.

Tommy said that he was a preacher and started to speak out for the Lord when he was three years old. He enjoys most of the same things that other boys his age enjoy (baseball, riding his bicycle, playing with his dog or tumbling). He is a good student at the Grace Baptist School (He is now in the third grade). He is a member of the Jerusalem Baptist Church of Norfolk. The Rev. Thomas M. Venable, Pastor.

Pamplin tournament slated

The Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a Softball Tournament on June 3 at 7 p.m. and continuing through June 4 and June 5.

A first prize of $100.00 will be given; second prize of $50.00 and third prize of $25.00. All proceeds will go to the Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department. Drawing will be held on June 5. You don't have to be present to win.

Boosters to meet

The Appomattox County High School Band Boosters will meet Monday, June 6, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at the Appomattox County High School.

Members are urged to attend this meeting. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and join the Boosters.

Bible School set

Daily Vacation Bible School will begin at Trinity Untied Methodist Church on June 5 and continue through June 9. Classes will begin each evening at 7 and end at 9 p.m. There will be classes and activities planned for all age groups.

Everyone is invited!

Obituaries

Hallie Millner Dillon

Hallie Millner Dillon, 87, of Appomattox, died at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 1983, in Virginia Baptist Hospital. She was the wife of the late Robert Callis Dillon.

Born in Bedford County, she was a daughter of the late Jesse N. Millner and Cora Claytor Millner. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. A.W. (Nora) Inge, Lake Worth, Fla., and Mrs. J.S. (Maynie) Millner and Mrs. Sanford (Katherine) Cousins, both of Lynchburg; three brothers, Nollie D. Millner and Clarence D. Millner, both of Baltimore, Md., and Jesse G. Millner, Lynchburg.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 4 p.m. in Robinson Funeral Home by Dr. Daniel Scott. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Gray Bivens Hawley

Virginia Gray Bivens Hawley, 47, wife of Jefferies C. Hawley, died May 23, 1983, at her residence. She was formerly of Hampton.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Michael, Daryll and Jamie Bivens, all of Hampton; a daughter, Mrs. Judy West, Poquoson; two stepchildren, Jeffries C. Hawley, Jr., Appomattox and Shannon Raye Hawley, Concord; a sister, Mrs. Frances Lang, Concord; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Jim H. Kerr. Burial was in the Reedy Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lillian Drinkard Martin

Lillian D. Martin, 82, of Route 4, Appomattox, died at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, 1983, in Lynchburg General Hospital, following a short illness.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Fuller Drinkard and Lillie Chick Drinkard. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and a life member of the U.M.W. Her husband was the late M. Gibbs Martin Sr.

She is survived by six children, Mrs. H.H. (Evelyn) Moore Jr., Appomattox, Mr. M.G. (Dick) Martin Jr., Appomattox, Mrs. Larry (Alice) Yeatts, Crewe, Mr. Alfred C. Martin, Appomattox, Mrs. Leonard W. (Barbara) Carter, Appomattox, and Mrs. Vernon M. (Geraldine) Raver, Concord; one sister, Mrs. L. E. (Louise) Martin, Concord, 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church by the Revs. David Camden and Floyd Wingfield. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Aubrey I. Moore

Aubrey I. Moore, 69, Route 3, died at 6:50 p.m. Friday, May 27 at his residence following a short illness.

He was born in Appomattox County, a son of the late H. Milton Moore and Irene Moore Moore. He was a retired farmer and a member of Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vera Kern Moore, a son, Donald C. Moore, Appomattox; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Jane) Nash, Spout Spring; one sister, Mrs. J.T. (Frances) Kern, of Lynchburg; five grandchildren, Kevin, Audrey, and Nicole Moore, all of Appomattox, Dana M. Ferguson, Portsmouth, and Catherine Nash, Spout Spring, and one great-grandchild, Brandon Ferguson.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church by the Rev. David Camden. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Rhoda Victoria Tyree Peters

GLADSTONE - Rhoda Victoria Tyree Peters, 83, Route 1, Gladstone, died Friday morning, May 27, at her home.

Born in Amherst County, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Tyree and Georgianna Tyree Tyree. She was twice married. Her first husband was the late Walter G. Gowen and her second husband the late John A. Peters. She was a member of the Church of God.

She is survived by three sons, Russell C. Gowen and L. Edward Gowen, both of Gladstone, and W. Nathan Gowen, Lynchburg; two daughters, Mrs. Mae Bryant, Gladstone, and Mrs. Virginia L. Jones, Madison Heights; three sisters, Mrs. Hattie Gowen, Gladstone and Mrs. Nettie Grubbs and Mrs. Gertrude Grubbs, both of Richmond; 30 grandchildren and 58 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Amherst Church of God, with interment in the Mineral Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

Driskill Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Voters' League to meet

The Appomattox Voters League will meet this Monday, June 6 at 7:30 at the Spout Spring Community Center.

Registration will be discussed. All interested citizens are invited to attend. Prominent speakers from the primary parties will be present.

RICHARD CONNER of Appomattox receives award for seventh-place finish in the Land Judging, 4-H individual competition from M.K. Mathews, Jr., president of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita. Presentation was made at the awards banquet for the International Land, Pasture and Range Judging Contest held in Oklahoma City recently. More than 900 contestants from 33 states participated in the event.

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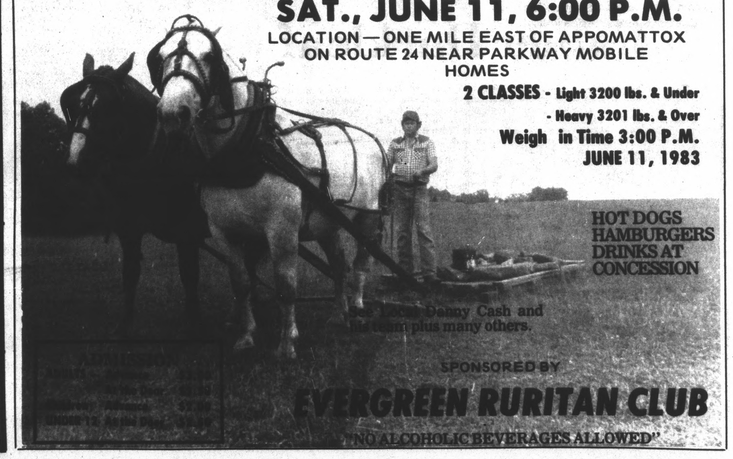
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Extension set

The University of Virginia has scheduled an extension class in Appomattox for the summer short term. The class number and title is EDRE 589: Microcumputers: Application and Evaluation. Three hours of graduate or undergraduate credits will be given for successful completion of the class.

The class will begin on June 6, 1983 in the vocational department at Appomattox County High School.

The Appomattox County School Board arranges with the University of Virginia School of Continuing Education for classes to be offered in the fall and spring semesters and for a June three weeks session to be conducted. These classes are planned for instructional personnel who are renewing teaching certificates, seeking additional endorsement or gaining more depth in their respective areas of assignment.

The classes are also open to persons who are not employed by the school system. The tuition cost is $150.00 for persons who do not hold a contract in Appomattox County.

Additional information may be secured by calling Mrs. Jean Hesson at the School Board Office.

MONICA CARROLL, 16, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carroll of Concord, was the recipient of the national "I Dare You" award in recognition of excellence in character, well balanced personal development and leadership potential. She received a copy of William H. Danforth's book, "I Dare You" and a personalized certificate. She will attend Summer Leadership Conference of the American Youth Foundation in Michigan this summer. The Danforth award is made available by the American Youth Foundation in cooperation with the school. Monica, a student at Rustburg High School, has been a cheerleader during her high school career and likes reading and volleyball. She plans a career in the field of nursing.

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